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NEETS BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA COMMERCIAL TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information for the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) concerning the Neets Bay Terminal Harvest Area (THA):

Beginning 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 2, until closed by emergency order, the Neets Bay THA is open to commercial trolling in those waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of Chin Point at 131°42.10′ W. long., and west of the longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island at 131°39.10′ W. long.

SSRAA expects that adequate chum salmon will be available this year for cost recovery and brood stock needs. A portion of the Neets Bay THA will therefore be opened to commercial troll gear to harvest excess chum salmon. Retention of Chinook salmon in the Neets Bay THA will close concurrent with the closure of the general summer first troll Chinook retention period.

For a description of the open waters outside the THA in West Behm Canal, refer to 5 AAC 29.100(d)(2) and the 2013 Summer Troll Management Plan, which includes a map of the area.

The 2013 Summer Troll Fishery Management Plan is available at all regional ADF&G offices and on the troll website at:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this news release is EO 1E0313.

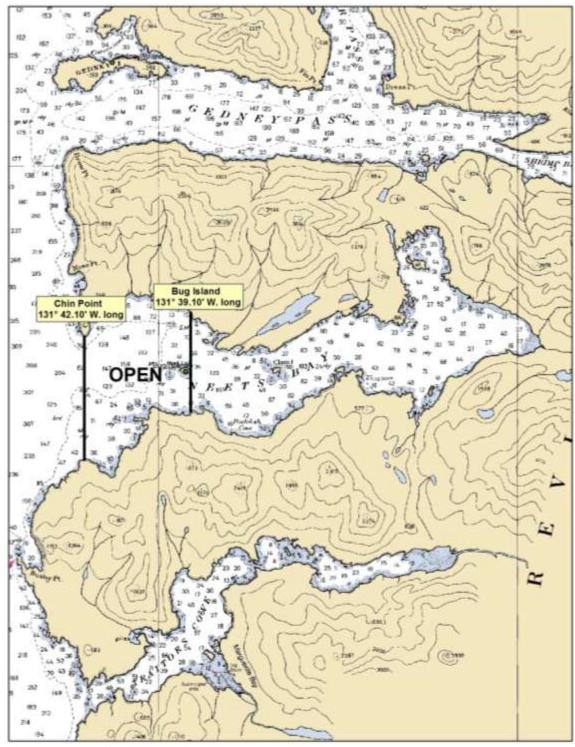


Figure 1. Map of open waters in Neets Bay THA.

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